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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

FROM:

Director of Security

SUBJECT: Director of Central Intelligence Directive-
Security of Foreign Intelligence in Automated
Data Processing Systems and Networks (U)

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum to the Chairman, DCI Security
Committee, dated 7 February 1983, same Subject

1. Reference reached me at a fortuitous time, immediately after a SECOM meeting that featured discussion of a revision of DCID 1/16. The meeting, held on 23 February, was also attended by [redacted] who presented the Office of Communications position and can testify as to the status of a replacement for DCID 1/16. (C)

2. In brief, a revision is not close to form suitable for submission to the DCI. There is no agreement in the Computer Security Subcommittee on several key issues; one of the most important being Telecommunications vis-a-vis other systems utilizing data processing through computers. In itself, this issue is enough to occupy the Computer Security Subcommittee and the SECOM staff for an extended period before a final draft can be prepared. (U)

3. The Office of Security supports your proposed exemption, as evidenced by agreement of the Information Systems Security Group with the concept. This agreement was reached with my full knowledge and consent and, had the occasion demanded, would have been presented as the Agency position in SECOM vote action. The

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occasion did not arrive and will not in the near future; subject Directive is a long way from meaningful SECOM deliberation and it is premature to take an Agency position on any or all provisions of the existing draft. (U)

4. I believe Reference will serve no purpose because it is neither timely nor necessary to ensure full consideration by the SECOM of the Office of Communications' position now and down the road. For these reasons, Reference is returned unsigned. I am, of course, available for discussion of your concern if you so desire. I am, however, inclined to believe a report from [redacted] on the status of Subject Directive will dispel any sense of urgency held by COMSEC. (U)

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